

Committee Meetings

AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FDA, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Research, Education and Extension. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the USDA: Joseph J. Jen, Under Secretary, Education and Economics; Edward B. Knipling, Acting Administrator, Agricultural Research Service; Colien Hefferan, Administrator, Cooperative State Research, Education and Extension Service; Susan E. Offutt, Administrator, Economic Research Service; R. Ronald Bosecker, Administrator, National Agricultural Statistics Services; and Stephen B. Dewhurst, Budget Officer.

COMMERCE, JUSTICE, STATE, JUDICIARY AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, Judiciary and Related Agencies held a hearing on Department of State, Administration of Foreign Affairs. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of State: Richard L. Armitage, Deputy Secretary; and Grant Green, Under Secretary, Management.

DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense held a hearing on Army Budget Overview. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Army: Les Brownlee, Acting Secretary; and Gen. Peter Schoomaker, USA, Chief of Staff.

The Subcommittee also met in executive session to hold a hearing on Army Acquisition Programs. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Army: Gen. Claude M. Boulton, USA, Assistant Secretary Acquisitions, Logistics and Technology; and Brig. Gen. Jeffrey Sorenson, USA, Deputy, Systems Management to the Assistant Secretary of the Army.

ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development held a hearing on the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Testimony was heard from John Paul Woodley, Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works) and the following officials of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers: LTG. Robert B. Flowers, USA, Chief, Engineers; MG. Carl A. Strock, Director, Civil Works; and Robert F. Vining, Chief, Pro-

grams Management Division, Civil Works Directorate.

FOREIGN OPERATIONS, EXPORT FINANCING AND RELATED PROGRAMS APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, Export Financing and Related Programs held a hearing on the Secretary of State. Testimony was heard from Colin L. Powell, Secretary of State.

INTERIOR AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior and Related Agencies held a hearing on Indian Health Services. Testimony was heard from Charles W. Grim, D.D.S., Director, Indian Health Services, Department of Health and Human Services.

LABOR, HHS, EDUCATION AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies held a hearing on the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. Testimony was heard from Dennis Smith, Acting Administrator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services.

The Subcommittee also held a hearing on the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality. Testimony was heard from Carolyn Clancy, M.D., Director, Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, Department of Health and Human Services.

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Military Construction held a hearing on Budget Overview. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Dove S. Zakheim, Under Secretary, Comptroller/Chief Financial Officer; and Raymond F. DuBois, Deputy Under Secretary, Installations and Environment.

TRANSPORTATION, TREASURY AND INDEPENDENT AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation, Treasury and Independent Agencies held a hearing on GSA. Testimony was heard from Stephen A. Perry, Administrator, GSA.

FISCAL YEAR 2005 NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION BUDGET REQUEST—TOTAL FORCE ADEQUACY

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Total Force held a hearing on the Fiscal Year 2005 National Defense Authorization Budget Request on the

Adequacy of the Total Force. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Lt. Gen. James E. Cartwright, USMC, Director, Force Structure, Resources and Assessment (J8), Joint Chiefs of Staff; Lt. Gen. Richard A. Cody, USA, Deputy Chief of Staff, G-3, Headquarters; and Lt. Gen. Franklin L. Hagenbeck, USA, Deputy Chief of Staff, G1, Headquarters, both with the Department of the Army; Vice Adm. Kevin P. Green, USN, Deputy Chief of Naval Operations, Plans, Policy and Operations, Headquarters; and Vice Adm. Gerald Hoewing, USN, Chief of Naval Personnel and Deputy Chief of Naval Operations, Manpower and Personnel, Headquarters, both with the Department of the Navy; Lt. Gen. Duncan J. McNabb, USAF, Deputy Chief of Staff, Plans and Programs, Headquarters; and Lt. Gen. Richard Brown, USAF, Deputy Chief of Staff, Personnel, Headquarters, both with the Department of the Air Force; Lt. Gen. Jan C. Huly, USMC, Deputy Commandant, Plans, Policies and Operations, Headquarters; Lt. Gen. Garry L. Parks, USMC, Deputy Commander, Manpower and Reserve Affairs, Headquarters, both with the U.S. Marine Corps.

CHILD NUTRITION IMPROVEMENT AND INTEGRITY ACT

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 3873, Child Nutrition Improvement and Integrity Act.

HEALTH CARE PRIORITIES REVIEW

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Held a hearing entitled "A Review of the Administration's FY2005 Health Care Priorities." Testimony was heard from Tommy G. Thompson, Secretary of Health and Human Services.

OVERSIGHT—SATELLITE HOME VIEWER IMPROVEMENT ACT

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet held a hearing entitled "Oversight of the Satellite Home Viewer Improvement Act." Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

COIN AND MEDAL MEASURES

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Domestic and International Monetary Policy, Trade, and Technology approved for full Committee action the following measures: H.R. 1914, Jamestown 400th Anniversary Commemorative Coin Act of 2003; H.R. 2131, To award a congressional gold medal to President Jose Maria Aznar of Spain; H.R. 2768, John Marshall Commemorative Coin Act; and H.R. 3277, Marine Corps 230th Anniversary Commemorative Coin Act.

Prior to this action, the Committee held a hearing on these measures. Testimony was heard from William H. Rehnquist, Chief Justice, United States Supreme Court; Richard L. Armitage, Deputy Secretary, Department of State; J. Steven Griles, Deputy Secretary, Department of the Interior; and Gen. Carl E. Mundy, Jr., USMC (Ret.), 30th Commandant of the Marine Corps.

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY—MAKING FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT A PRIORITY

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Government Efficiency and Financial Management held an oversight hearing entitled "Making Financial Management a Priority at DHS." Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Homeland Security: Clark Kent Ervin, Inspector General; and Andrew Maner, Chief Financial Officer.

FUTURE OF U.S.-LIBYAN RELATIONS

Committee on International Relations: Held a hearing on Weapons of Mass Destruction, Terrorism, Human Rights and the Future of U.S.-Libyan Relations. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of State: William J. Burns, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs; and Paula A. DeSutter, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Verification and Compliance; and public witnesses.

HUMAN RIGHTS PRACTICES—REVIEW STATE DEPARTMENT ANNUAL REPORT

Committee on International Relations: Held a hearing on Human Rights Practices Around the World: A Review of the State Department's 2003 Annual Report. Testimony was heard from Lorne W. Craner, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor, Department of State; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—FOREST SERVICE BUDGET

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health held an oversight hearing on the Fiscal Year 2005 President's Budget for the Forest Service. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the USDA: Mark Rey, Under Secretary, Natural Resources and Environment; and Dale Bosworth, Chief, Forest Service.

BROADCAST DECENCY ENFORCEMENT ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by a vote of 9 to 2, a structured rule providing ninety minutes of general debate on H.R. 3717, Broadcast Decency Enforcement Act of 2004, equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Energy and Commerce. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the

bill. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Energy and Commerce now printed in the bill shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment, and shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. The rule makes in order only those amendments to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute which are printed in the Rules Committee report accompanying the resolution. The rule provides that the amendments made in order may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. The rule waives all points of order against the amendments printed in the report. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Chairman Barton and Representatives Upton, Markey, Stupak, Price of North Carolina, Hinchey, Inslee and Watson.

SPACE EXPLORATION—PERSPECTIVES ON PRESIDENT'S VISION

Committee on Science: Held a hearing on Perspectives on the President's Vision for Space Exploration. Testimony was heard from Lennard Fisk, Chairman, Space Studies Board, National Academy of Sciences; and public witnesses.

SPIKE IN METAL PRICES

Committee on Small Business: Held a hearing entitled "Spike in Metal Prices: What Does it Mean for Small Manufacturers?" Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

COAST GUARD AUTHORIZATION ACT

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation approved for full Committee action, as amended, H.R. 3879, Coast Guard Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2005.

SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER AND INDIVIDUAL TAXPAYER IDENTIFICATION NUMBER MISMATCHES AND MISUSE

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Oversight and the Subcommittee on Social Security held a joint hearing on Social Security Number and Individual Taxpayer Identification Number Mismatches and Misuse. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the

Treasury: Mark Everson, Commissioner; and Nina Olson, National Taxpayer Advocate, both with the IRS; and Pamela Gardiner, Acting Inspector General, Tax Administration; the following officials of the SSA: James B. Lockhart III, Deputy Commissioner; and Patrick P. O'Carroll, Assistant Inspector General, Investigations; and Michael Brostek, Director, Tax Issues, GAO.

INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY BUDGET REVIEW

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to hold a hearing on Intelligence Community Budget overview. Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

IRAQ AND AFGHANISTAN—COMMUNITY-MILITARY COORDINATION

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Subcommittee on Terrorism and Homeland Security met in executive session to hold a hearing on Intelligence Community-Military Coordination in Iraq and Afghanistan. Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY PROPOSED INFORMATION ANALYSIS BUDGET

Select Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Intelligence and Counterterrorism held a hearing entitled "The Department of Homeland Security Proposed Information Analysis Budget for Fiscal Year 2005." Testimony was heard from Patrick M. Hughes, Assistant Secretary, Information Analysis, Department of Homeland Security.

Joint Meetings

STRENGTHENING RETIREMENT SECURITY

Joint Economic Committee: Committee concluded a hearing to examine issues relative to helping Americans save, focusing on the Save More Tomorrow plan (SmarT), Individual Retirement Accounts (IRAs), the Commission to Strengthen Social Security, improving financial education, and promoting automatic savings, after receiving testimony from Richard H. Thaler, University of Chicago Graduate School of Business, Chicago, Illinois; Robert C. Pozen, MFS Investment Management, Boston, Massachusetts; Ric Edelman, Edelman Financial Services, Fairfax, Virginia; and Peter R. Orszag, Urban-Brookings Tax Policy Center, Washington, D.C.

LEGISLATIVE PRESENTATIONS: VFW

Joint Hearing: Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs concluded joint hearings with the House Committee

on Veterans' Affairs to examine the legislative presentation of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, after receiving testimony from Edward S. Banas, Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, Washington, D.C.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, MARCH 11, 2004

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2005 for the Department of Agriculture's Forest Service, 9:30 a.m., SD-124.

Subcommittee on VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2005 for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, 10 a.m., SD-106.

Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2005 for the Library of Congress, 11 a.m., SD-138.

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings to examine missile defense in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2005, 9:30 a.m., SR-325.

Subcommittee on Airland, to hold hearings to examine Army Transformation in review of the defense authorization request for fiscal year 2005 and the future years defense program, 2 p.m., SR-232A.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: to hold hearings to examine prescription drug importation and related matters, 10 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: to hold hearings to examine S. 2086, to amend the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 to improve the reclamation of abandoned mines, and S. 2049, to amend the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 to reauthorize collection of reclamation fees, revise the abandoned mine reclamation program, promote remining, authorize the Office of Surface Mining to collect the black lung excise tax, and make sundry other changes, 10 a.m., SD-366.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Sue Ellen Wooldridge, of Virginia, to be Solicitor of the Department of the Interior, 2:30 p.m., SD-366.

Committee on Governmental Affairs: to resume hearings to examine postal reform issues, focusing on sustaining the 9 million jobs in the \$900 billion mailing industry, 9:30 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 9:30 a.m., SD-226.

Select Committee on Intelligence: to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

House

Committee on Agriculture, Subcommittee on Speciality Crops and Foreign Agriculture Programs, hearing to review the Peanut Program, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration and Related Agencies, on FDA, 9:30 a.m., 2362A Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Commerce, State, Justice, Judiciary and Related Agencies, on Federal Judiciary, 10 a.m., H-309 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, on Secretary of Energy, 10 a.m., 2362B Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Homeland Security, on Border and Transportation Security, 10 a.m., and on Acting Administrator, Transportation Security Administration, 1 p.m., 2358 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Labor Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies, on Secretary of Education, 10 a.m., 2358 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on VA, HUD and Independent Agencies, on Congressional Witnesses, 10 a.m., H-143 Capitol.

Committee on Armed Services, Subcommittee on Projection Forces, hearing on the Fiscal Year 2005 National Defense Authorization Budget Request—Navy Research and Development, Transformation and Future Navy Capabilities, 10 a.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Readiness, hearing on the Fiscal Year 2005 National Defense Authorization Budget Request—Assessing the Adequacy of the Fiscal Year 2005 Budget to Meet Readiness Needs, 9 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Terrorism, Unconventional Threats and Capabilities, hearing on the Fiscal Year 2005 National Defense Authorization Budget Request—Special Operations Command Oversight, 1 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on the Budget, to mark up the following: Budget Resolution for Fiscal Year 2005; and other pending business, 10:15 a.m., 210 Cannon.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, hearing entitled "The Changing Nature of the Economy: The Critical Roles of Education and Innovation in creating Jobs & Opportunity in a Knowledge Economy," 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade and Consumer Protection hearing entitled "College Recruiting: Are Student Athletes Being Protected?" 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform, hearing on the Complex Task of Coordinating Contracts Amid Chaos: The Challenges of Rebuilding a Broken Iraq, 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Criminal Justice, Drug Policy and Human Resources, hearing entitled "Cervical Cancer and Human Papillomavirus," 11 a.m., 2247 Rayburn.

Committee on International Relations, Subcommittee on Africa, hearing on Sudan: Peace Agreement Around the Corner? 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Courts, the Internet, and Intellectual Property, oversight hearing on Section 115 of the Copyright Act: In Need of Update? 12 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.